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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

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We believe we are the original, first, and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

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which is described and claimed in the foregoing specification and for which a patent is sought.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to herein (if any).

We acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information of which we are aware is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

We further declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.


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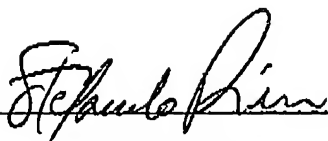
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